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SUBJECT: Prison Populations

The following is a list of prison populations for "political prisoners". The figures for La Plata, Caseros and Villa Devoto Prisons are exact while the figures for the remaining prisons are estimates based on information gathered during prisoner interviews.

La Plata (as of 1/3/80)	783
Caseros (as of 1/4/80)	471
Villa Devoto (as of 1/4/80)	415 (women)
Cordoba	50 (PEN Prisoners transferred to Cordoba for judicial processing)
Resistencia	30 (Consejo de Guerra prisoners)
Rawson	200
TOTAL	1949

The above figures include PEN prisoners, Consejo de Guerra prisoners, Article 17 and Article 18 prisoners, and prisoners serving sentences but not included in any of the above categories.

I also had an opportunity to talk with Prefecto Gomez, the new warden at Villa Devoto Prison, this morning. He stated that he thought that there would be a Christmas release list this year. Warden Gomez was basing his opinion on conversations he had had with military representatives of the various military commands who had visited Villa Devoto the week before Christmas to reinterview a number of PEN prisoners. Warden Gomez stated that he would not be surprised if a large number of PEN prisoners, those detained under PEN only, were released in the near future in the form of a Christmas release list.

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PEN TOTAL (CHARGES UNKNOWN)	PEN UNCHARGED	PEN SENTENCED STILL UNDER EMERGENCY ESTIMATED that some (?) fall in this cat.	PEN TRIED & SENTENCED	PEN "Questionables" (NOT CHARGED)
JUNE 1977 (Hargrave Inquiry) 1,923				
JULY 1979 EMBASSY APPROX. 2,000				2,000
OCTOBER 1979 1,400				1,400
NOVEMBER 1979 1,300				1,300
DEC. 1979 1,300 * 2,300	1,300			1,000
JAN. 1980 EMBASSY 1,949				1,949
JAN. '80 DEPT 2,800	1,300	1,000	500 on trail at the time of this report	
FEB. 80 890 * 1,500	890			1,500
April 1980 1,955				1,955
June 1980 1,600	800	800		

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* Figures which reflect all prisoners held on other than common charges.

... Debora Esther Benoshoan, age 18, arrested August, 1977, held prisoner in Villa de Voto prison. There are no charges against her. Her health is failing. CC 405B R

... Ruben Fernando Haber, law student, arrested July, 1976, disappeared in November. Government acknowledged his detention, Dec., 1976. Still under detention.

... Rey Rafael, age 36, imprisoned April, 1979. Permission to emigrate to Israel denied, no charges, suffers from a duodenal ulcer and other ailments.

... Isaac Rudnik Ortiz, arrested in Cordoba, 1975, law student, wounded in terrorist attack, suffering from bullet wound in leg, ulcers, infection, age 26.

... Jorge Gustavo Jaspas Salischiker, age 19, arrested in 1976 for possession of literature, sentenced to three years at trial in January, 1979.

... Alberto Schprejer, age 21, of Buenos Aires. Charges filed and dismissed. Still held in federal penitentiary at LaPlatz.

... Dario Oscar Bedne, age 23, was on active duty with the army at the time of his disappearance in July, 1976.

... Fernando Ruben Brodsky, age 22, psychology student and kindergarten teacher. Was taken from his home in Valla Martelli by group of armed men. Inquiries negative.

... Adolfo Ernesto Chorni, age 28, attorney, kidnapped on street in Buenos Aires, has not been heard from since July 5, 1978.

... Abraham Hochman, age 38, lawyer, taken from his home in Buenos Aires, August, 1978. last time he was seen.

... Alejandra Jaimovich, age 17, arrested June, 1976, along with friend whom she tutored. Her father, now living in Israel, was president of the DAIA. Not heard from since arrest.

... Daniel Lazaro Rus, age 27, university student in nuclear physics, kidnapped from Atomic Energy building. Not heard from since July, 1977.

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